

Joint Investigation Leads to Multiple Burglary Arrest



James D. Green-Surman



Tony A. Cobb

Kent/Sussex Counties- Delaware State Police with the assistance of multiple agencies have arrested two suspects in connection with numerous burglaries.

The investigation began in April 2018, when agencies primarily in Kent and Sussex Counties began experiencing a rash of commercial glass break burglaries. During these burglaries, the suspect(s) typically forced entry by throwing a brick or rock against a glass door or window and then primarily removing the cash registers from the businesses.

Through investigative measures, detectives identified a suspect vehicle as a silver 2007 Saturn Aura. **James D. Green-Surman**, 28-year-old of Dover, was identified as the operator and primary suspect of the burglary incidents.

On May 23, 2018, detectives observed James Green-Surman attempt to force entry into the Pete's Steak House located at 19287 Miller Road, Rehoboth Beach, by throwing a brick against

a glass door. Green-Surman was subsequently taken into custody and arrested. He was charged in connection with crimes occurring at 36 businesses, by Troop 3 CIU, Troop 4 CIU, the Dover Police Department, the Milford Police Department, and the Middletown Police Department for 133 charges consisting of Burglary 3rd, Attempted Burglary 3rd, Wearing a Disguise, Possession of Burglar Tools, Theft Over \$1500, Theft Under \$1500, Attempted Theft Under \$1500, Conspiracy 2nd, Criminal Mischief Over \$5000, Criminal Mischief \$1000-\$5000, and Criminal Mischief Under \$1000. He was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and issued a \$130,050.00 secured bond, and later released after posting bail.

Through investigative measures, Green-Surman's co-conspirator in some of the burglaries was identified as 33-year-old, **Tony A. Cobb** of Dover. On June 5, 2018, Cobb was located and apprehended by the US Marshall's Task Force, the Dover Police Department, and Probation and Parole in Dover. Cobb was wanted in reference to active Violation Of Probation (VOP) warrants and burglary warrants. Cobb was charged in connection with crimes occurring at 13 businesses by Troop 3, Troop 4, the Dover Police Department, and the Milford Police Department for 62 charges consisting of Burglary 3rd, Attempted Burglary 3rd, Wearing a Disguise, Possession of Burglar Tools, Theft Over \$1500, Theft Under \$1500, Attempted Theft Under \$1500, Conspiracy 2nd, Criminal Mischief Over \$5000, Criminal Mischief \$1000-\$5000, and Criminal Mischief Under \$1000. Cobb was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 7 and committed to the James T. Vaughn Correctional Institute on \$9,675.00 cash only bond for his VOP warrants and \$132,250.00 secured bond in reference to his burglary warrants.

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